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SECRETARY DARDENNE ANNOUNCES MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE MUSEUM DEDICATION

Secretary of State Jay Dardenne and the Friends of the Mansfield Female College Museum would like the public to join them on Saturday, March 14, to dedicate this museum which showcases a historic institute of education. Family fun and activities will take place from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. with a reception from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The reception will include heavy hors d'oeuvres and entertainment by local musicians.

Family fun activities include quilting, broom making, crochet, spinning wheel, butter churning, biscuit cooking, vine wreaths, carving, log sawing, gourd painting, face painting and old tool displays. Staff will provide free popcorn, cookies and punch. Guests can also take part in entertainment activities such as dominoes, choral singing, harmonica playing, piano playing, covered wagon horse rides for children, story telling and a blow-up slide and blow-up jump. Visitors can also watch battle park re-enactments of the Battle of Mansfield which ended on April 8, 1864. The wounded and dying soldiers were brought to the college and cared for by the women of Mansfield.

For more information about Mansfield Female College Museum, visit our Web site at www.sos.louisiana.gov/mfcm.

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